

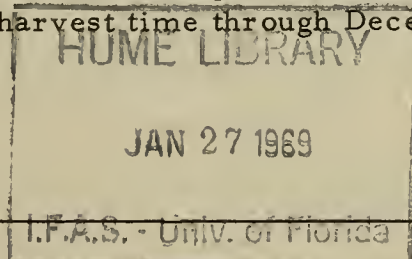
TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall producing areas of the country totaled 128.8 million hundredweight on January 1, 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Stocks for January 1 were 8 percent below the record holdings of 139.4 million hundredweight on hand January 1, 1968. These stocks consist of potatoes held for all uses on January 1.

The eight eastern fall States had 40.8 million hundredweight of potatoes on hand January 1, 1969, 7 percent less than the 43.6 million a year earlier. Maine stocks, at 28.7 million this year, were below the 29.6 million hundredweight on hand January 1, 1968. Stocks in Pennsylvania and Upstate New York were below a year earlier but Long Island stocks were equal to a year ago. January 1 stocks in the eight central fall States, of 28.0 million this year are only slightly less than a year earlier. Holdings larger than a year ago in the Dakota's about offset reduced stocks in other central States. In the nine western fall States, January 1 stocks totaled 60.1 million hundredweight, 11 percent below the record holdings of 67.7 million a year earlier. Stocks are below a year earlier in all the western States except Washington and Montana where they equaled 1968 levels. Stocks in Idaho, at 34.5 million compared with 40.0 million a year earlier, accounted for 27 percent of the January 1 holdings in the fall States.

Disappearance of 1968 fall crop potatoes from storage during December was 22.6 million hundredweight. This compared with the disappearance of 22.4 million hundredweight during December 1967 and the record high of 25.3 million during December 1966. Disappearance of 1968 fall potatoes from time of harvest to January 1, 1969 was 91.2 million hundredweight. During the 1967 season, disappearance to January 1 was 91.9 million and for the 1966 season, it was 100.4 million.

Movement of fall crop potatoes to chippers and fresh market outlets during December was below last year as indicated by rail and truck unloads in 41 cities. Unloads for the season, from harvest time through December also were less than the comparable period a year earlier. The quantities of potatoes processed for other food uses (excluding starch and flour) during December as well as for the season to January 1 were above a year earlier. Fall potatoes utilized for starch and flour during December and from harvest time through December were below the same periods in 1967.



Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1,
total stocks, crops of 1959-68 in the 25 fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
		: following year	: following year	: following year	: following year
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 ^{1/}	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967 ^{2/}	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968	220,018	151,385	128,810		

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1968 Pot 6(68).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1962-69

Area	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
	--- Millions ---							
Eastern	73.1	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.4	---
Central	82.8	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	88.0	---
Western	30.0	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	---
Total	185.9	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	1/201.9

1/ Total U.S. resident population for July 1, 1969 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 403, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers

and local dealers on January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969 1/

State	Crop of 1967		Crop of 1968	
	Production	Total stocks Jan. 1, 1968	Production	Total stocks Jan. 1, 1969
	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
Maine	37,604	29,600	36,890	28,700
New Hampshire	252	120	230	120
Vermont	288	180	285	180
Massachusetts	1,216	510	1,036	390
Rhode Island	1,140	150	1,260	120
Connecticut	1,354	760	1,254	690
New York				
Long Island	7,426	3,600	7,506	3,600
Upstate	8,820	4,200	7,988	3,500
Pennsylvania	9,120	4,500	7,585	3,450
8 Eastern	67,220	43,620	64,034	40,750
Ohio	2,522	690	2,499	645
Indiana	1,950	340	1,226	190
Michigan	7,095	3,700	6,235	3,200
Wisconsin	9,401	4,900	8,325	4,500
Minnesota	11,760	7,700	12,180	7,660
North Dakota	14,280	9,300	15,660	10,500
South Dakota	590	270	621	310
Nebraska	1,794	1,150	1,820	950
8 Central	49,392	28,050	48,566	27,955
Montana	1,512	1,250	1,458	1,250
Idaho	63,900	40,000	59,505	34,500
Wyoming	578	360	608	335
Colorado	9,240	5,350	7,762	4,550
Utah	1,463	900	1,072	500
Nevada	192	120	138	70
Washington	15,265	8,800	16,185	8,800
Oregon	13,252	5,900	12,290	5,700
California	9,210	5,000	8,400	4,400
9 Western	114,612	67,680	107,418	60,105
Total 25 Fall States ...	231,224	139,350	220,018	128,810

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

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